

RIGHTS IN DATA - COMMERCIAL ITEMS

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(If the Article entitled "Existing Commercial Computer Software - Licensing" is applicable to this Subcontract, it shall apply in lieu of this Article regarding any acquisition of commercial computer software.)

(a) Definitions.

- (1) "Computer software," as used in this Article, means computer programs, computer data bases, and documentation thereof.
- (2) "Data," as used in this Article, means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data, mask works, and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to Contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost, or pricing, or management information.
- (3) "Form, fit, and function data," as used in this Article, means data relating to items, components, or processes that are sufficient to enable physical and functional interchangeability, as well as data identifying source, size, configuration, mating, and attachment characteristics, functional characteristics, and performance requirements; except that for computer software it means data identifying source, functional characteristics, and performance requirements but specifically excludes the source code, algorithm, process, formulae, and flow charts of the software.
- (4) "Institute" means the California Institute of Technology as a party to this Subcontract.
- (5) "JPL" means the Jet Propulsion Laboratory as the organizational element of the Institute having responsibility for administration of this Subcontract. JPL's rights under this Subcontract are rights of the California Institute of Technology as a party to this Subcontract.
- (6) "Limited rights," as used in this Article, means the rights of the Government, or in support and furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, in limited rights data as set forth in the Limited Rights Notice of subparagraph (g)(2) if included in this Article.
- (7) "Limited rights data," as used in this Article, means data (other than computer software) that embody trade secrets or are commercial or financial and confidential or privileged, to the extent that such data pertain to items, components, or processes developed at private expense, including minor modifications thereof.
- (8) "Restricted computer software," as used in this Article, means computer software developed at private expense and that is a trade secret; is commercial or financial and is confidential or privileged; or is published copyrighted computer software; including minor modifications of such computer software.
- (9) "Restricted rights," as used in this Article, means the rights of the Government, and in support and in furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, in restricted computer software, as set forth in a Restricted Rights Notice of subparagraph (g)(3) if included in this Article, or as otherwise may be provided in a collateral agreement incorporated in and made part of this Subcontract, including minor modifications of such computer software.
- (10) "Technical data," as used in this Article, means data (other than computer software) which are of a scientific or technical nature.
- (11) "Unlimited rights," as used in this Article, means the right of the Government, or in support and furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, to use, disclose, reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly, in any manner and for any purpose, and to have or permit others to do so.

(b) Allocation of Rights.

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this Article regarding copyright, the Government and in support and furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, shall have unlimited rights in:
 - (A) Data first produced in the performance of this Subcontract;
 - (B) Form, fit, and function data delivered under this Subcontract;

- (C) Data delivered under this Subcontract (except for restricted computer software) that constitute manuals or instructional and training material for installation, operation, or routine maintenance and repair of items, components, or processes delivered or furnished for use under this Subcontract; and
 - (D) All other data delivered under this Subcontract unless provided otherwise for limited rights data or restricted computer software in accordance with paragraph (g) of this Article.
- (2) The Subcontractor shall have the right to:
- (A) Use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data first produced or specifically used by the Subcontractor in the performance of this Subcontract, unless provided otherwise in paragraph (d) of this Article;
 - (B) Protect from unauthorized disclosure and use those data which are limited rights data or restricted computer software to the extent provided in paragraph (g) of this Article;
 - (C) Substantiate use of, add or correct limited rights, restricted rights, or copyright or mask work notices and to take other appropriate action, in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f) of this Article; and
 - (D) Establish claim to copyright subsisting in data first produced in the performance of this Subcontract to the extent provided in subparagraph (c)(1) of this Article.
- (c) Copyright.
- (1) Data First Produced in the Performance of This Subcontract.
- (A) Unless provided otherwise in paragraph (d) of this Article, the Subcontractor may establish, without prior approval of the Contracting Officer, claim to copyright subsisting in scientific and technical articles based on or containing data first produced in the performance of this Subcontract and published in academic, technical or professional journals, symposia proceedings or similar works. The prior, express written permission of the Contracting Officer through JPL is required to establish claim to copyright subsisting in all other data first produced in the performance of this Subcontract.
 - (B) When claim to copyright is made, the Subcontractor shall affix the applicable copyright or notices of 17 U.S.C. 401 or 402 and acknowledgment of Government sponsorship (including the Prime Subcontract number) to the data when such data are delivered to JPL, as well as when the data are published or deposited for registration as a published work in the U.S. Copyright Office. (Acknowledgment shall include a statement that "This work was performed for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, sponsored by the United States Government under Subcontract NAS7-03001.")
 - (C) For data other than computer software, the Subcontractor grants to the Government, and in support and furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, and others acting on their behalf, a paid-up, nonexclusive, irrevocable worldwide license in such copyrighted data to reproduce, prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly by or on behalf of the Government. Any copyright license required in order to perform work under this First-tier Subcontract is freely transferable to any successor-in-interest of the Subcontractor, a successor Subcontractor to operate JPL, or the Government
 - (D) For computer software, the Subcontractor grants to the Government, and in support and furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, and others acting on their behalf, a paid-up, nonexclusive, irrevocable worldwide license in such copyrighted computer software to reproduce, prepare derivative works, and perform publicly and display publicly by or on behalf of the Government.
- (2) Data Not First Produced in the Performance of This Subcontract. The Subcontractor shall not, without prior written permission of JPL, incorporate in data delivered under this Subcontract any data not first produced in the performance of this Subcontract and which contains the copyright notice of 17 U.S.C. 401 or 402, unless the Subcontractor identifies such data and grants to the Government, and in support and furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, or acquires on their behalf, a license of the same scope as set forth in subparagraph (c)(1) of this Article; provided, however, that if such data are computer software, the Subcontractor grants to the Government and in support and furtherance of its Government Subcontract obligations, the Institute, or acquires on their behalf, a paid-up nonexclusive irrevocable worldwide license as set forth in subparagraph (g)(3) of this Article.
- (3) Removal of Copyright Notice. JPL agrees not to remove any copyright notices placed on data pursuant to this paragraph (c), and to include such notices on all reproductions of the data.

(d) Release, Publication and Use of Data.

- (1) The Subcontractor shall have the right to use, release to others, reproduce, distribute, or publish any data other than computer software first produced or specifically used by the Subcontractor in the performance of this Subcontract, except to the extent such data may be subject to the Federal export control or national security laws or regulations, or unless otherwise provided in this paragraph of this Article or expressly set forth in this Subcontract.
- (2) The Subcontractor agrees that to the extent it receives or is given access to data necessary for the performance of this Subcontract which contain restrictive markings, the Subcontractor shall treat the data in accordance with such markings unless otherwise specifically authorized in writing by JPL.
- (3)
 - (A) The Subcontractor agrees not to establish claim to copyright or publish or release to others any computer software first produced in the performance of this Subcontract without the Contracting Officer's prior written permission.
 - (B) If the Government desires to obtain copyright in computer software first produced in the performance of this Subcontract for which permission to copyright has not been granted to the Subcontractor as set forth in subdivision (d)(3)(A) of this Article, the Contracting Officer or the Institute may direct the Subcontractor to assert, or authorize the assertion of, claim to copyright in said data and to assign, or obtain the assignment of, such copyright to the Government or its designated assignee.
 - (C) Whenever the word "establish" is used in this clause, with reference to a claim to copyright, it shall be construed to mean "assert."

(e) Unauthorized Marking of Data.

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Subcontract concerning inspection or acceptance, if any data delivered under this Subcontract are marked with the notices specified in subparagraph (g)(2) or (g)(3) of this Article and use of such is not authorized by this Article, or if such data bears any other restrictive or limiting markings not authorized by this Subcontract, JPL may at any time either return the data to the Subcontractor, or cancel or ignore the markings. However, the following procedures shall apply prior to canceling or ignoring the markings:
 - (A) JPL shall make written inquiry to the Subcontractor affording the Subcontractor 30 days from receipt of the inquiry to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings;
 - (B) If the Subcontractor fails to respond or fails to provide written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the 30-day period (or a longer time not exceeding 90 days approved in writing by the Contracting Officer through JPL for good cause shown), the Government or JPL shall have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time after said period and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions.
 - (C) If the Subcontractor provides written justification to substantiate the propriety of the markings within the period set in subdivision (e)(1)(A) of this Article, the Contracting Officer through JPL shall consider such written justification and determine whether or not the markings are to be canceled or ignored. If the Contracting Officer through JPL determines that the markings are authorized, the Subcontractor shall be so notified in writing. If the Contracting Officer through JPL determines, with concurrence of NASA, that the markings are not authorized, the Contracting Officer through JPL shall furnish the Subcontractor a written determination, which determination shall become the final Government decision regarding the appropriateness of the markings unless the Subcontractor files suit in a court of competent jurisdiction within 90 days of receipt of the Contracting Officer's decision. The Government and JPL shall continue to abide by the markings under this subdivision (e)(1)(C) until final resolution of the matter either by the Contracting Officer's determination becoming final (in which instance the Government or JPL shall thereafter have the right to cancel or ignore the markings at any time and the data will no longer be made subject to any disclosure prohibitions), or by final disposition of the matter by court decision if suit is filed.
- (2) The time limits in the procedures set forth in subparagraph (e)(1) of this Article may be modified in accordance with NASA regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) if necessary to respond to a request thereunder.

- (3) This paragraph (e) does not apply if this Subcontract is for a major system or for support of a major system by a civilian agency other than NASA and the U.S. Coast Guard agency subject to the provisions of Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949.
- (4) (Reserved)
- (f) Omitted or Incorrect Markings.
 - (1) Data delivered to the Government or JPL without either the limited rights or restricted rights notice as authorized by paragraph (g) of this Article, or the copyright notice required by paragraph (c) of this Article, shall be deemed to have been furnished with unlimited rights, and the Government and the Institute assume no liability for the disclosure, use, or reproduction of such data. However, to the extent the data has not been disclosed without restriction outside the Government or JPL, the Subcontractor may request, within six months (or longer time approved by JPL for good cause shown) after delivery of such data, permission to have notices placed on qualifying data at the Subcontractor's expense, and JPL may agree to do so if the Subcontractor:
 - (A) Identifies the data to which the omitted notice is to be applied;
 - (B) Demonstrates that the omission of the notice was inadvertent;
 - (C) Establishes that the use of the proposed notice is authorized; and
 - (D) Acknowledges that the Government and the Institute have no liability with respect to the disclosure, use, or reproduction of any such data made prior to the addition of the notice or resulting from the omission of the notice.
 - (2) JPL may also:
 - (A) Permit correction at the Subcontractor's expense of incorrect notices if the Subcontractor identifies the data on which correction of the notice is to be made, and demonstrates that the correct notice is authorized; or
 - (B) Correct any incorrect notices.
- (g) Protection of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software.
 - (1) When data other than that listed in subdivisions (b)(1)(A), (B), and (C) of this Article are specified to be delivered under this Subcontract and qualify as either limited rights data or restricted computer software, if the Subcontractor desires to continue protection of such data, the Subcontractor shall withhold such data and not furnish them to JPL under this Subcontract. As a condition to this withholding, the Subcontractor shall identify the data being withheld and furnish form, fit, and function data in lieu thereof. Limited rights data that are formatted as a computer data base for delivery to JPL are to be treated as limited rights data and not restricted computer software.
 - (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (g)(1) of this Article, the Subcontract may identify and specify the delivery of limited rights data, or JPL or the Contracting Officer may require by written request the delivery of limited rights data that has been withheld or would otherwise be withholdable. If delivery of such data is so required, the Subcontractor may affix the following "Limited Rights Notice" to the data and the Institute and the Government will thereafter treat the data, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (e) and (f) of this Article, in accordance with such Notice:

LIMITED RIGHTS NOTICE

- (a) These data are submitted with limited rights under Government Subcontract No. NAS7-1407 (and JPL Subcontract No. _____). These data may be reproduced and used by the Institute or the Government with the express limitation that they will not, without written permission of the Subcontractor, be used for purposes of manufacture nor disclosed outside the Institute or the Government; except that the Institute or the Government may disclose these data outside the Institute or the Government for the following purposes, if any, provided that the Institute or the Government makes such disclosure subject to prohibition against further use and disclosure:
 - (1) Use by support service Subcontractors.
 - (2) (Reserved)
- (b) This Notice shall be marked on any reproduction of these data, in whole or in part.

(End of notice)

(3)

- (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (g)(1) of this Article, the Subcontract may identify and specify the delivery of restricted computer software, or JPL or the Contracting Officer may require by written request the delivery of restricted computer software that has been withheld or would otherwise be withholdable. If delivery of such computer software is so required, the Subcontractor may affix the following "Restricted Rights Notice" to the computer software and the Institute and the Government will thereafter treat the computer software, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (e) and (f) of this Article, in accordance with the Notice:

RESTRICTED RIGHTS NOTICE

- (a) This computer software is submitted with restricted rights under Government Subcontract No. NAS7-1407 (and JPL First-tier Subcontract No. _____). It may not be used, reproduced, or disclosed by the Institute or the Government except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Notice or as otherwise expressly stated in the Subcontract.
- (b) This computer software may be:
- (1) Used or copied for use in or with the computer or computers for which it was acquired, including use at any Institute or Government installation to which such computer or computers may be transferred;
 - (2) Used or copied for use in a backup computer if any computer for which it was acquired is inoperative;
 - (3) Reproduced for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes;
 - (4) Modified, adapted, or combined with other computer software, provided that the modified, combined, or adapted portions of the derivative software incorporating restricted computer software are made subject to the same restricted rights;
 - (5) Disclosed to and reproduced for use by support service Subcontractors in accordance with subparagraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this Article, provided the Institute or the Government makes such disclosure or reproduction subject to these restricted rights; and
 - (6) Used or copied for use in or transferred to a replacement computer.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if this computer software is published copyrighted computer software, it is licensed to the Institute and the Government, without disclosure prohibitions, with the minimum rights set forth in paragraph (b) of this Article.
- (d) Any other rights or limitations regarding the use, duplication, or disclosure of this computer software are to be expressly stated in, or incorporated in, the Subcontract.
- (e) This Notice shall be marked on any reproduction of this computer software, in whole or in part.

(End of notice)

- (B) Where it is impractical to include the Restricted Rights Notice on restricted computer software, the following short-form Notice may be used in lieu thereof:

RESTRICTED RIGHTS NOTICE - SHORT FORM

Use, reproduction, or disclosure is subject to restrictions set forth in Subcontract No. NAS7-1407 (and First-tier Subcontract No. _____ with [name of First-tier Subcontractor]).

(End of notice)

- (C) If restricted computer software is delivered with the copyright notice of 17 U.S.C. 401, it will be presumed to be published copyrighted computer software licensed to the Institute and the Government without disclosure prohibitions, with the minimum rights set forth in paragraph (b) of this Article, unless the Subcontractor includes the following statement with such copyright notice: "Unpublished - rights reserved under the Copyright Laws of the United States."
- (f) First-tier Subcontracting. The Subcontractor has the responsibility to obtain from its First-tier Subcontractors all data and rights therein necessary to fulfill the Subcontractor's obligations to the Government and the Institute under this Subcontract. If a First-tier Subcontractor refuses to accept terms affording the Government or the

Institute such rights, the Subcontractor shall promptly bring such refusal to the attention of JPL and not proceed with First-tier Subcontract award without further authorization.

- (g) Relationship to Patents. Nothing contained in this Article shall imply a license to the Government or the Institute under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Government or the Institute.
- (h) Inspection of Data Withheld. The Subcontractor agrees, except as may be otherwise specified in this Subcontract for specific data items listed as not subject to this paragraph, that the Contracting Officer, an authorized representative, or JPL may, up to three years after acceptance of all items to be delivered under this Subcontract, inspect at the Subcontractor's facility any data withheld pursuant to subparagraph (g)(1) of this Article, for purposes of verifying the Subcontractor's assertion pertaining to the limited rights or restricted rights status of the data or for evaluating work performance. Where the first-tier First-tier Subcontractor whose data are to be inspected demonstrates to the Contracting Officer that there would be a possible conflict of interest if the inspection were made by a particular representative, the Contracting Officer shall designate an alternate inspector.